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SCHOOLS AND CLASSES FOR THE BLIND, 1926-27

This report contains statistics concerning schools and classes for blind pupils for the year 1926-27. Reports are included for 80 schools and institutions. Data concerning sight-saving classes are not included where it is possible to separate them from data concerning classes for the blind. For schools that failed to report, statistics for a previous year, the latest available, are included. In States having separate departments for white and for colored blind pupils, their institutions are counted as two schools. Seventeen schools receive both blind and deaf pupils. Financial items are prorated in schools accepting both white and colored pupils in separate departments, and in schools accepting both blind and deaf pupils.

Of the 80 institutions included in the report, 47 are State institutions, 21 are schools or classes in city school systems, 5 are private institutions, 5 others are private institutions supported partly or largely by State funds; 1 school is in the Philippine Islands and 1 school in Porto Rico.

INSTRUCTORS

Institutions for the blind report a total of 863 instructors, of which number 220 are men and 643 are women. This is an increase over 1918 of 19 male instructors and of 122 female instructors.

Perkins Institute, Watertown, Mass., offers courses which prepare teachers for blind children. Pennsylvania Institute for the Instruction of the Blind, Overbrook, Pa., has a training course for prospective home teachers of the blind. George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tenn., gives special courses during the summer sessions for teachers of the blind and semisighted.

PUPILS

The total enrollment in schools for the blind for 1927 is 6,084, of which number 3,355 are boys and 2,729 are girls. This is an increase of 22 per cent over the 1918 enrollment. During 1927 pupils in instrumental music numbered 2,688, and 2,729 were given vocal culture, and 3,499 were enrolled in industrial courses. The number graduated from high-school departments was 177; 101 being boys, and 76 girls.

In the kindergartens were enrolled 336 pupils—188 boys and 148 girls; in classes corresponding to grades 1 to 4 were 1,254 boys and

921 girls; in grades corresponding to 5 to 8 were 1,068 boys and 909 girls; in classes corresponding to high-school grades were 623 boys and 603 girls, a total of 1,236.

EXPENDITURES

The total expenditure in 67 institutions which reported was \$3,993,404. Those institutions which were able to distribute expenditures report instructional costs amounting to \$1,147,441, other current expenses of \$2,278,423, and costs of buildings and improvements amounting to \$539,258.

RECEIPTS

Receipts are slightly higher than expenditures, being \$4,028,145 for the year for 67 institutions. Schools which were able to distribute receipts according to source show \$3,264,812 from State, county, or city; \$77,768 from private benefactions; \$259,316 from endowment funds; and \$289,021 from other sources.

PROPERTY

The total value of buildings and grounds of the 67 institutions reporting these items was \$17,283,141; the value of scientific apparatus, furniture, libraries, etc., was \$2,151,091; the permanent endowment funds totaled \$5,707,168; in the libraries were 157,380 volumes in raised type and 46,324 in ink.

TABLE 1.—*Summary of statistics of schools for the blind, 1900 to 1927*

Items	1900	1905	1910	1915	1922	1927
Number of schools reporting.....	37	40	48	62	64	80
Instructors:						
Men.....	144	175	178	211	201	220
Women.....	293	330	353	491	521	613
Total.....	437	505	531	702	722	833
Pupils:						
Boys.....	2,104	2,401	2,263	2,731	2,719	3,355
Girls.....	1,917	2,040	2,060	2,522	2,228	2,729
Total.....	4,021	4,441	4,323	5,253	4,947	6,084
Graduates from high school:						
Boys.....			39	57	66	101
Girls.....			50	53	60	76
Total.....	171	170	89	112	126	177
Pupils in industrial courses.....	2,235	3,201	2,885	3,702	3,339	3,499
Instrumental music.....	1,883	2,354	1,752	2,417	2,256	2,688
Vocal culture.....	1,815	2,211	1,317	2,228	2,063	2,729
Volumes in the library:						
In raised type.....			80,774	127,247	140,905	157,478
In ink.....			34,754	54,788	61,785	46,577
Total.....	94,689	125,681	115,528	182,035	202,690	204,055

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TABLE 2.—Statistics of schools for the blind, 1926-27

Location	Institution	Pupils in—												Property					
		Pupils in kindergarten				In classes corresponding to grades 1 to 4				In classes corresponding to grades 5 to 8				Industrial departments		Permanent endowment			
		Men	Women	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Books	Types	Land	Buildings and grounds		
Talladega, Ala.	Alabama Institute for the Deaf and the Blind	4	9	73	40	—	—	31	21	23	15	14	10	3	29	46	65	3150,000	
Do.	Alabama Institute for the Deaf and the Blind (negro)	2	0	14	13	—	—	14	13	—	—	—	—	—	329	—	22,500	30,500	
Tucson, Ariz.	Arizona School for the Deaf and the Blind	1	0	2	0	1	0	30	25	28	8	7	2	2	126	1	0	19,412	
Little Rock, Ark.	Arkansas School for the Blind	1	0	12	15	—	—	29	17	16	3	5	0	2	14	11	0	47,177	
Do.	Arkansas School for the Blind (negro)	1	0	66	60	—	—	19	17	16	20	16	4	5	64	35	22	50,000	
Barbados, Calif.	California School for the Deaf and the Blind	6	12	55	53	—	—	17	16	16	20	16	4	5	33	708	61	62,353	
Los Angeles, Calif.	Public school classes for the blind	1	6	30	14	—	—	17	6	8	5	5	3	1	0	71	36	400	2,500
Colorado Springs, Colo.	Colorado School for Deaf and Blind	7	11	43	26	—	—	14	13	17	8	6	4	4	63	26	2,639	2,500	
Hartford, Conn.	Connecticut Institute for the Blind (school)	2	8	36	31	—	—	20	13	23	10	12	8	2	3	68	26	2,203	600
St. Augustine, Fla.	Florida State School for the Deaf and the Blind	2	7	37	21	8	7	13	7	11	5	2	2	—	33	43	28	15	
Do.	Florida State School for the Deaf and the Blind (negro)	1	0	8	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13	8	5	—	
Macon, Ga.	Georgia Academy for the Blind	1	4	57	49	—	—	31	30	21	11	5	8	—	16	73	50	49	
Gooding, Idaho	Idaho State School for the Deaf and the Blind	2	7	11	10	—	—	6	2	3	6	2	1	1	21	21	10	1,000	
Chillicothe, Ill.	Public school classes for the blind	0	6	40	25	—	—	18	10	16	16	10	6	5	—	251	—	28,650	
Jacksonville, Ill.	Illinois State School for the Blind	1	8	21	125	10	8	7	47	33	40	40	30	30	4	90	102	97	7,400
Indianapolis, Ind.	Indiana School for the Blind	5	11	85	62	—	—	58	26	26	25	15	14	13	3	14	51	49	3,500
Vinton, Iowa	Iowa College for the Blind	4	15	64	50	—	—	25	16	25	15	14	13	3	14	51	17	2,008	2,864
Kansas City, Kans.	Kansas State School for the Blind	3	17	65	65	4	2	14	16	19	25	21	17	4	24	49	64	1,000	200,000
Louisville, Ky.	Kentucky School for the Blind	2	10	80	27	7	5	13	7	10	6	5	3	1	75	40	26	4,948	407,559
Do.	Kentucky School for the Blind (negro)	1	3	10	5	—	—	6	3	6	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16,928
Baton Rouge, La.	Louisiana State School for the Blind	4	8	41	29	6	1	9	10	8	6	7	6	1	60	31	18	1,338	250,000
																		200,000	

¹ Estimated distribution.

² This amount is the value of the old site, which became the property of the Indiana World War Memorial Commission on completion of new plant for the school for the blind.

³ Data for 1921-22.

⁴ Prorated with school for the deaf.

⁵ Computed on completion of new plant for the school for the blind.

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TABLE 2.—Statistics of schools for the blind, 1926-27—Continued

Institution	Location	Property											
		Pupils in			Pupils in			Pupils in			Pupils in		
In-	In-	In-	In-	In-	In-	In-	In-	In-	In-	In-	In-	In-	In-
New Orleans, La.													
Portland, Me.													
Oversby, Md.													
Do.													
Salem, Mass.													
Watertown, Mass.													
Perkins Institution and Massachusetts School for the Blind													
Maine Institution for the Blind													
Maryland School for the Blind													
Maryland School for the Colored Blind and Deaf													
Public school classes for the blind													
Perkins Institution and Massachusetts School for the Blind													
Public school classes for the blind													
Michigan School for the Blind													
Michigan School for the blind													
Duluth, Minn.													
Faribault, Minn.													
Minneapolis, Minn.													
St. Paul, Minn.													
Jackson, Miss.													
St. Louis, Mo.													
Nebraska City, Nebr.													
Jersey City, N. J.													
Newark, N. J.													
Summit, N. J.													
Alamogordo, N. Mex.													
Batavia, N. Y.													
Bath Beach, N. Y.													
New York (Bronx), N. Y.													
New York (2001 W. Mansbridge Rd.) N. Y.													
New York, N. Y.													
Public school classes for the blind													
Arthur Home and Kindergarten for Blind Babies and Small Blind Children													
New Mexico School for the Blind													
New York State School for the Blind													
International Sunshine Branch for the Blind													
Catholic Institute for the Blind													
New York Institute for the Education of the Blind													
Public school classes for the blind													

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Port Jefferson, N. Y.	Brooklyn Home for Blind, Crippled and Deaf Children.	9	4	8	6	8	3	1	0	2	14	3	3	150	1,472	1,474	1,474	1,398	
Baldwin, N. C.	State School for the Blind and the Deaf.	2	5	4	3	7	4	3	1	0	2	14	3	3	137	90	60	607	51,300
Bethpage, N. Dak.	State School for the Blind and the Deaf (negro).	1	1	6	19	24	4	4	1	0	2	14	3	3	74	19	30	2,100	1,065,607
Alliance, Ohio	North Dakota School for the Blind.	1	1	6	10	8	5	3	2	0	1	35	25	8	0	825	800	75,000	12,800
Cincinnati, Ohio	Public school classes for the blind.	1	1	8	41	6	9	0	1	0	1	15	23	5	0	15	23	1,100	1,100
Cleveland, Ohio	do.	1	1	3	22	16	6	7	4	2	0	31	3	0	13	1,104	1,104	1,104	1,104
Columbus, Ohio	Ohio State School for the Blind.	1	12	19	24	15	10	13	35	41	28	30	2	0	23	106	10	6	5,000
Lima, Ohio	Public school classes for the blind.	1	0	1	7	7	6	3	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	29	26	14	1,570
Massillon, Ohio	do.	1	0	2	10	8	3	2	2	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1,000
Minneapolis, Minn.	Oklahoma School for the Blind.	1	6	4	40	28	20	20	39	37	14	10	2	0	143	100	58	0	3,500
Toledo, Ohio	Oregon State School for the Blind.	1	2	4	29	19	11	7	12	8	6	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1,000
Mustang, Okla.	Pennsylvania State School for the blind.	1	6	14	75	67	20	11	20	17	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1,127
Seaside, Ore.	The Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind.	1	9	26	151	117	7	4	37	47	32	19	31	26	3	3	57	55	100
Philadelphia, Pa.	Western Pennsylvania School for the Blind.	1	5	15	76	71	10	8	28	30	21	24	13	6	3	2	111	107	64
Pittsburgh, Pa.	School for the Deaf and the Blind.	1	5	6	18	3	0	1	12	2	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	665,500
Passy (Rizal), P. I.	Instituto de Ninos Ciegos.	1	0	4	16	12	2	0	12	11	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	47,880
Sumter, S. C.	South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind.	1	1	8	34	31	15	11	12	10	7	10	3	2	2	64	60	34	1,200
Cedar Spring, S. C.	South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind (negro).	1	1	2	20	10	12	5	3	2	1	3	1	1	1	30	27	20	10
Do.	South Dakota School for the Blind.	1	3	4	21	18	10	5	3	4	2	3	0	1	1	1	620	524	718
Ozark, S. Dak.	Tennessee School for the Blind.	1	8	21	146	90	3	2	46	55	31	42	29	1	1	1	146	90	6,000
Nashville, Tenn.	Texas Deaf, Dumb, and Blind Institute for Colored Youths.	1	1	8	62	37	10	7	27	18	14	6	11	6	4	2	81	66	62
Austin, Tex.	Texas School for the Blind.	1	11	19	33	107	14	7	48	53	33	38	34	1	2	80	64	100	9,647
Do.	Utah School for the Blind.	1	1	6	19	15	11	6	4	4	5	0	1	34	18	16	18	7	1,800
Ogden, Utah	Virginia State School for Colored Blind and Deaf Children.	1	2	2	20	7	14	3	6	4	5	0	1	1	1	16	18	7	1,800
Newport News, Va.	Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind.	1	5	8	40	32	25	15	6	11	9	6	1	1	1	8	24	1	1,202
Stanton, Va.	Public school classes for the blind.	1	6	1	4	0	0	2	6	4	0	3	5	3	1	6	67	160	
Seattle, Wash.	Washington State School for the Blind.	1	0	2	6	15	20	27	20	14	23	5	6	1	76	43	10	31	3,500
Tacoma, Wash.	do.	1	10	35	33	40	20	27	20	14	23	5	6	1	76	43	10	31	3,500
Vancouver, Wash.	Washington State School for the Blind.	1	6	12	33	40	20	27	20	14	23	5	6	1	76	43	10	31	3,500
Bonney, W. Va.	West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.	1	7	17	71	68	4	2	23	18	24	25	19	18	4	3	80	70	50
Jamesville, Wis.	Wisconsin State School for the Blind.	1	0	2	8	6	0	1	1	1	1	4	2	1	1	4	861	2,275	453,235
Milwaukee, Wis.	Public school classes for the blind.	1	0	1	5	0	2	2	2	2	2	3	4	1	1	7	1	1	1,000
Richland, Wis.	do.	1	1	5	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	4	1	1	7	1	1	1,000

* Data for 1929-30. Prorated with school for the deaf.

** Includes department for the deaf.

† Includes both white and colored.

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TABLE 3.—*Statistics of receipts and expenditures of schools for the blind, 1926-27*

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Alamogordo, N. Mex.	New Mexico School for the Blind	64, 254	2, 161	97, 415	41, 114	15, 323	37, 253
Batavia, N. Y.	New York State School for the Blind	122, 274	1, 695	123, 900	3, 905	25, 490	94, 565
New York (Bronx), N. Y.	Catholic Institute for the Blind			28, 400			121, 900
New York (2201) Wil-	New York Institute for the Education of the Blind	61, 471	60, 183	143, 606	205, 360	131, 122	34, 003
liamsbridge Rd.), N.Y.	Public school classes for the blind	20, 622		20, 922		29, 922	
Port Jefferson, N. Y.	Brooklyn Home for Blind, Crippled and Defective Children	14, 840	1, 764	1, 11, 118	1, 2, 262	1, 388	1, 9, 358
Do.	State School for the Blind and the Deaf	139, 277		139, 277	133, 334	134, 603	1, 74, 224
Bethpage, N. Dak.	State School for the Blind and the Deaf (negro)	12, 000		22, 443	200	9, 740	13, 386
Cincinnati, Ohio	North Dakota School for the Blind	21, 802		21, 802		21, 802	1, 12, 008
Columbus, Ohio	Public school classes for the blind	210, 970		210, 970	77, 514	50, 000	72, 770
Lima, Ohio	Ohio State School for the Blind	2, 050		2, 050	250	1, 800	200, 284
Mansfield, Ohio	Public school classes for the blind	2, 882		2, 882		2, 263	2, 050
Toledo, Ohio	do.	16, 240		16, 749	135	14, 676	619
Muskogee, Okla.	Oklahoma School for the blind	89, 540		86, 540	19, 600	23, 480	1, 928
Salem, Ore.	Oregon State School for the Blind	25, 400		25, 400	2, 636	5, 073	16, 749
Johnstown, Pa.	Public school classes for the blind	2, 393		2, 393		2, 328	108, 140
Philadelphia, Pa.	The Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind	115, 567		64, 692	27, 864	201, 133	18, 030
Pittsburgh, Pa.	Western Pennsylvania School for the Blind	89, 644	783	90, 494	97	72, 843	123, 450
Santurce (Box A), P.R.	Instituto de Ninos Ciegos	25, 080		23, 080			20, 428
Cedar Spring, S. C.	South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind	1, 26, 728		1, 28, 728	1, 3, 240		5, 000
Do.	South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind (negro)						15, 000
Ogallala, S. Dak.	South Dakota School for the Blind	18, 750		5, 800	24, 556	1, 9, 180	1, 13, 493
Nashville, Tenn.	Tennessee School for the Blind	72, 500		70, 000	3, 600	6, 663	12, 846
Austin, Tex.	Texas Deaf, Dumb, and Blind Institute for Colored Youths	1, 61, 100		1, 61, 100		3, 500	47, 600
Do.	Texas School for the Blind	113, 510		118, 510	4, 600	114, 700	1, 41, 830
Orderville, Utah	Utah School for the Blind	1, 20, 700		1, 20, 700	7, 9, 426	7, 9, 426	1, 80, 500
Newport News, Va.	Virginia State School for Colored Deaf and Blind Children	1, 9, 408		1, 907	1, 10, 405	1, 2, 584	1, 18, 010
Staunton, Va.	Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind	1, 26, 304		1, 26, 304	1, 17, 201	1, 1, 102	1, 22, 076
Tacoma, Wash.	Public school classes for the blind	2, 330		2, 330	1, 897	1, 212	1, 10, 458
Vancouver, Wash.	Washington State School for the Blind	57, 000		57, 000	2, 530	1, 11, 730	1, 15, 629
Roanoke, W. Va.	West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind	149, 300		149, 300	3, 978	1, 1, 353	1, 27, 450
Janesville, Wis.	Wisconsin School for the Blind	117, 450		117, 450	1, 7, 250	1, 20, 370	1, 64, 020
Racine, Wis.	Public school classes for the blind	3, 019		3, 019	9, 277	28, 605	147, 364
						2, 830	3, 019
						193	

¹ Includes \$56,163 for purchase of securities and retirement of mortgages.

² Includes both white and colored schools.

³ Prorated with Utah School for the Deaf.

⁴ Included in the preceding column.

⁵ Included in the following column.